

Remarks

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-8, 13, 16, 17, and 20 were rejected. Claims 2, 3, 9-12, 14, 15, 18, and 19 were objected to. Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 2 and 4-8 are amended. New claims 21-23 are added. Claims 2-23 are now pending. Claim 2 is the independent claim. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner rejected claims 1, 5-8, and 17 as being anticipated by Adams et al. The examiner also rejected claims 4, 13, 16, and 20 as being unpatentable over Adams et al., in view of Warshaw. The examiner also objected to claims 2, 3, 9-12, 14, 15, 18, and 19 as depending from a rejected base claim, but acknowledged that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 1, which is canceled. Claims 9, 11, 14, and 18 depend from claim 2. The objection to claims 2, 9, 11, 14, and 18, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Claim 3 depends from claim 2, and claims 10, 12, 15, and 19 depend from claim 3. The objections to claims 3, 10, 12, 15, and 19, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 2. Claims 13, 16, and 20 depend from claim 4. The rejections of claims 4, 13, 16, and 20, therefore, should be withdrawn.

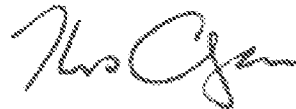
Claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 2. Claim 17 depends from claim 5. The rejections of claims 5 and 17, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Claims 6-8 are amended to depend from claim 2. The rejections of claims 6-8, therefore, should be withdrawn.

New claims 21-23 are added. Claim 21 depends from claim 6 and recites the features of claim 7. Claim 22 depends from claim 6 and recites the features of claim 8. Claim 23 depends from claim 7 and recites the features of claim 8. It is submitted that new claims 21-23 depend from allowable claims and recite features of allowable claims and therefore also are allowable.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that all objections and rejections have been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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